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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gage et al.

Art Unit : 1648

Serial No. : 10/800,361

Examiner : Louise Humphrey

Filed : March 11, 2004

Title : METHOD FOR DETERMINING ION CHANNEL ACTIVITY OF A  
SUBSTANCE

**MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 5, 2006**

This Amendment in Reply to a Final Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2006 ("the Office Action") for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a shortened three (3) month period for reply to this Final Office Action. Pursuant to MPEP 706.07(f), Applicants note that this first reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Because the two-month date, March 5, 2006, falls on a Sunday, this response is being timely filed on Monday, March 6, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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